

# OREGON RIDGE

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# NATURE CENTER

Oregon Ridge Nature Center and Park are facilities of Baltimore Co. Dept. of Recreation & Parks and are supported by Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council

## FALL 2011

## CALENDAR October



### Clubs & Fun Days

#### JUNIOR EXPLORERS CLUB AGES 6-10

Meets two Thursdays a month for a seasonal nature activity.  
9/1, 9/15, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17 4:30-5:30PM \$24 (\$18 Mem)

#### WOOLLY BEAR PRESCHOOL AGES 3+

A nature story, craft & snack; 1st Wednesday of each month.  
9/7, 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4 10-11:30 AM \$20 (\$15 Members)

#### HOME SCHOOL NATURE DAY AGES 5+

Students and their parents meet the 2nd Friday of the month for different seasonal activities.  
9/9, 10/14, 11/10, 12/9, 1/13 10-12:00 PM \$20 (\$15 Members)

### HONEY HARVEST FESTIVAL

The 30th Annual Honey Harvest will take place on Saturday, October 1st, and Sunday, October 2nd, from 11 AM to 4 PM. The festival will feature beehive demonstrations, honey extraction, candle dipping, and mead making. There will be activities for children, a local band, crafts and lots more. Please visit our web site for more information. NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED



## September

#### APPLE PIE NIGHT HIKE

Enjoy apples and cinnamon with some campfire ambiance. Hike to our apple tree then help us make this treat. Ages 8+  
9/9 7:30-9:00 PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### BASIC STROKES FOR BASIC FOLKS

Learn the basic paddling strokes used on our canoeing adventures. Participants must be at least 10 years old.  
9/10 2-4:00PM \$15 (\$10 Members)

#### FAMILY CANOE ON THE LAKE

Join us on our lake to paddle with your family.  
9/11 2-4:00PM \$10 (\$8 Members)

#### SNAKES ALIVE!

Did you know that Maryland has 27 species of snakes? Learn about those you can find at Oregon Ridge Ages 5+  
9/17 & 9/18 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### HAWK WATCH

Hawks are on the move! Join experienced birder Noot Canoles as he searches the skies for bores of Broadwing hawks with our spotting scope. Ages 8+  
9/24 & 9/25 2-4:00PM FREE!

#### BIRDING THE RIDGE

Join naturalist & avid birder Katharine Patterson on our monthly hike to search for our feathered friends.  
9/25 9:30-10:30AM FREE!

#### PUMPKIN PARTY

Learn about the origins of pumpkin carving and how it played an important role in feeding early Americans. Make baked pumpkin seeds while you decorate your own mini pumpkin.  
10/8 & 10/9 2-4:00PM \$5 (\$3 Members)

#### GOODBYE TO CHIPMUNK

Our cutest forest friends are getting ready to say good night for the winter. We'll hike to search for them and their homes. Later we'll make a craft to keep. Ages 5+  
10/15 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### BIRDING THE RIDGE

Join naturalist & avid birder Katharine Patterson on our monthly hike to search for our feathered friends.  
10/16 9:30-10:30AM FREE!

#### SOUNDS OF THE FOREST

Learn about the meaning behind many of the sounds you may hear while walking on our trails. Ages 5+  
10/16 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### GROWING UP WILD TRAINING

Growing Up WILD is an interactive hands-on workshop designed to help early childhood educators and caregivers to connect children to nature. Fee includes all materials.  
10/21 9-12:00PM \$18 (\$15 Members)

#### PROJECT LEARNING TREE: EARLY CHILDHOOD

Project Learning Tree is an award-winning enviro-education program designed for educators, parents & community leaders working with youth ages 3-6. Fee includes all materials.  
10/21 12:30-3:30PM \$18 (\$15 Members)

#### MAKE YOUR OWN SCARE BABY

Make your own pint-sized scarecrow or make a whole scare family. Bring some old clothes or use ours. \$6 / scare person.  
10/22 & 10/23 2-4:00PM \$6 (\$4 Members)

#### GHOSTS OF MINERS PAST

Oregon Ridge was once an active mining town. On this spooky hike you will encounter unsettled souls who still roam the Ridge 150 years later. Ages 8+.  
10/28 7:30-9:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### HARRY POTTER HALLOWEEN

You're accepted to Wizing School! Make Harry Potter themed crafts and learn about the wizing world. Ages 5+.  
10/29 & 10/30 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)

#### ORIENTEERING ON THE RIDGE

Join the Quantico Orienteering Club to navigate Oregon Ridge on one of several courses of varying difficulty and length. Please visit <http://qoc.us.orienteering.org/> for registration.  
10/30 11-3:00PM

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All programs are for individuals and their immediate families and are not intended for groups.

**All payments must be received within a week of making your reservation.** Make checks payable to OREGON RIDGE NATURE CENTER COUNCIL (ORNCC), 13555 Beaver Dam Rd., Cockeysville, MD 21030. Should you require special accommodations (an interpreter, etc.), please inform our staff know and call the therapeutic office at 410-887-5370 (voice), 410-887-5319 (TT/Deaf).



## November



### MAKE YOUR OWN NATURAL BROOM

Create a practical clean-up tool made from natural materials or use it for next year's decor. Ages 10+

**11/5 2-4:00PM \$8 (\$5 Members)**

### MOTHER NATURE'S POKEMON

Discover the real life "special abilities" of the animals at Oregon Ridge. Learn about their amazing adaptations, and create a fun craft to take home. Ages 5+

**11/6 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### FALL STORY TIME

Join our naturalist to learn about our animal friends and how they survive the cold months of winter. Afterwards we will make a craft. Ages 3+

**11/12 & 11/13 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

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**11/13 9:30-10:30AM FREE!**

### MOONLIGHT MASQUERADE

Come on this hike and learn about the effect of the phases of the moon on different animals. Meet a few that hunt by moonlight, and take a dusk hike to look for signs of nocturnal wildlife. Afterwards, decorate a mask to mimic one of your favorite nighttime animals. Ages 8+

**11/18 7-9:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### OWLS & OMENS

Come learn about the amazing owls that inhabit our area and the lore surrounding them. We will go on a hike at dusk to listen for the sounds of owls along our trails. After our hike we will meet One Eyed Willy our screech owl. Ages 5+

**11/19 & 11/20 4-6:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### FORT GARRISON FEAST

Visit Fort Garrison to learn how the Rangers sustained themselves in this remote 1690s frontier outpost. Join us to hear their story and learn what they cooked and ate. \$10/person is due in advance. Ages 12+.

**11/20 12:00-4:00PM \$10/ Person**

### CAMPFIRE SWEETS & CARBS

Learn how to create tasty concoctions over a simple fire. Participants will help create the treats and recipes will be provided to take home.

**11/26 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### TURKEY TROT TREASURE HUNT

Brave the elements to find clues that will lead you to a treasure chest filled with surprises. Ages 5+

**11/27 1-2PM or 3-4PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**



## December

### WILDERNESS FIRST AID

Wilderness First Aid is a 2-day, 18 hour class designed for trip leaders, camp counselors, and outdoor enthusiasts. Please visit [www.wfa.net](http://www.wfa.net) for information and registration.

**12/3 & 12/4 8-6:30PM**

### HOLIDAY WREATH MAKING

Welcome the holidays with a fresh evergreen wreath. \$10/ wreath is due in advance and includes all the materials required to make a wreath or table arrangement. Bring clippers and gloves. We will play Holiday movies in the auditorium for children.

**12/3 & 12/4 2-4:00PM \$10 (\$8 Members)**

### THE LONG NIGHTS MOON

During this month the winter cold fastens its grip, and nights are at their longest and darkest. We will look for nighttime critters and then warm up by the campfire with s'mores and hot cider. Ages 8+

**12/9 7-8:30PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### GINGERBREAD HOUSES FOR YOU & THE BIRDS

Bring the family to create a gingerbread masterpiece. Decorate one for your house and create another with seeds & fruits for the birds. Ages 8+

**12/10 & 12/11 2-4:00PM \$5 (\$4 Members)**

### NATURAL ORNAMENTS

Decorate for the holidays the natural way. Make some for yourself and a few special treats for the birds. We provide all the supplies ;you provide the creativity. Ages 5yrs +

**12/17 & 12/18 2-4:00PM \$3 (\$2 Members)**

### NO PROGRAM SCHEDULED

The Nature Center will be open normal hours.

**12/31 9-5:00PM**

## January 2012

### BOW MAKING COURSE

This annual course taught by Kirk Dreier, Director of Marshy Point Nature Center meets on five consecutive Thursdays. Please see courses on the back page for more details.

**Starting 1/5 6:00PM \$40 (\$30 Members)**

### GET INVOLVED FIGHTING INVASIVES!

Oregon Ridge Park is being overtaken by aliens; alien plants that is! Join our Habitat Team to help us to control invasive plants, repair trails, plant trees and more! Wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt and gloves. Meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 AM  
Registration is required.

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